

was a landmark victory for the civil rights movement. Another success for the organization came with the 1963 demonstration held in downtown Birmingham to desegregate local businesses. Thousands of people, including schoolchildren, attending the demonstration were sprayed by high pressure fire hoses and attacked by police dogs. Many were arrested and jailed. The inhumane and unjust attack on demonstrators was aired on national TV and around the world. The massive outcry from Americans urged the Kennedy administration to act.

A settlement was reached whereby the downtown Birmingham businesses were desegregated and addressed discriminatory hiring practices.

Montgomery and Birmingham were catalysts for a Civil Rights Movement that ended legal segregation in this nation and opened doors of opportunity for an oppressed Black people. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference under the leadership of Dr. King became the agent of change to a make just society that is more in keeping with the promise of the U.S. Constitution.

On this day, I pay honor and thank the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for their contribution to the Civil Rights Movement. I admire the nonviolent approach taken by the organization to address discrimination. I urge my colleagues to learn about the contributions of this great organization.

CONGRATULATING JENNIFER COLLIER FOR HER PARTICIPATION IN THE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jennifer Collier, my constituent, for her selection and subsequent participation in the House Fellows Program. The program, eligible to high school government teachers, aims to help teachers improve the knowledge and understanding of Congress through a one-week intensive session on the history and practice of the House of Representatives.

Ms. Collier, a social studies teacher at Mt. Diablo High School in Concord, was selected through a competitive process in which all public, private and parochial secondary school government instructors in my congressional district were eligible to apply. The Historian's office made the final selection. During the school year following her participation in the House Fellows Program, Ms. Collier will have the responsibility to present her experiences and lesson plans to at least one in-service institute for other teachers of history and government, expanding the reach of the program to those who do not come to DC themselves.

I am certain it will be a valuable experience for her and that she will pass on what she learns firsthand about Congress and inspire future students to become informed and active citizens. I congratulate Ms. Collier and all the other teachers selected to participate in the House Fellows Program this year.

TRIBUTE TO JOEL STERLING HUMBLE FOR THE AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. GRAVES Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joel Sterling Humble, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 205, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout

Joel has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the years Nicholas has been involved in Scouting, he has earned 39 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as assistant senior patrol leader, patrol leader, librarian and scribe. Joel is also a warrior in the tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Joel cleared a ¼ long fence line of overgrown bush and debris at the Blue Springs Cemetery in Blue Springs, MO. Joel has also earned several special awards including the 12 Month Camper Award, the Internet Safety Award, Leave No Trace Award, Snorkeling Award, World Conservation Award and 50 Miler Award.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joel Sterling Humble for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THOMAS GLYNN PARKER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Autaugaville and indeed the entire State of Alabama, recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory. Born on September 18, 1934, in Ripley, TN, Thomas Glynn Parker began his career in the transit business. He relocated to Denver, Minneapolis, Austin, and Phoenix before arriving in Montgomery, AL. On July 3, 1964, he married his loving wife Sandra Tribble, and after the birth of their son, Mitch, the family settled in Prattville, where his love for politics was ignited.

Tom served on the Autauga County Republican Executive Committee and the State Executive Committee. He received his first appointment to the Autauga County Board of Registrars in 1995, and his second in 2003. Tom devoted countless hours working in support of local and State GOP candidates. Most recently, he served as Autauga County team leader for Governor Bob Riley. Tom was a true leader and an Alabamian of distinction that will be greatly missed.

Tom was not only dedicated to his work but also to his beloved family. He taught his grandchildren the importance of voting, helping them get involved in political campaigns starting at a young age.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community

leader and friend to many throughout the State of Alabama. Thomas Glynn Parker will be deeply missed by his family—his wife, Sandra; his son, Mitch; his daughter-in-law, Selina; his brother, Charles; and his two grandchildren, Mason and Hanna Grace—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO END THE COMMERCIAL SEAL HUNT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my full support for H. Res. 27, a bill introduced by Representative LANTOS, which urges the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt. This bill addresses the inhumane treatment of seals.

I would like to express my thanks to Representative LANTOS for introducing this bill and raising awareness on the inhumane treatment of seals in Canada.

At present, there is a practice of hunting and capturing seals for commercial purposes. The United States addressed this issue in 1972 through the Marine Mammal Protection Act, which barred the import of seal products in our great country. Today, despite opposition from the United States and other countries, our Canadian neighbors continue to hunt seals.

In Canada, seal hunters maim and kill their prey by shooting and clubbing. Each year thousands of seals experience this tragedy, of which a large portion are under 12 weeks old. This is unacceptable.

I encourage my colleagues to support this bill, which will send a message to our Canadian neighbors about our discontent with the mutilation and killing of seals. Our great Nation opposed this issue years ago and should continue to do so.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3093) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 3093, the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations bill.

This legislation includes \$175,000,000 for a DNA analysis and capacity enhancement program and other local, State, and Federal forensic activities. Of this funding, not less than \$151,000,000 is directed toward the Debbie